

**Amendment(s) to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph of lines 27-32 on page 6 with the following paragraph:

In contact with upper shell 12 of the plug connector housing is a locking element 20. The locking element 20 comprises a base portion [[20]] with a base plate 22g. Running vertically from base plate 22g are three wall surfaces that in Fig. 1 are identified with 22w1, 22w2 and in Fig. 4 are identified with 22w3, with a wall opening (window) 22o1, 22o2, 22o3 being provided in each wall surface opening (window).